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Now, About the Great White Sale---

It Begins Thursday, Feb. 16, and Lasts Three Days

Below we list the White Sale items that we are offering at prices which will be the most pleasant surprise of your life:-

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GOWNS,	APRONS,	SHEETING,	TOWELS,	NAINSOOK,
PAJAMA CHECKS,	LINENS,	GINGHAMS,	SUITINGS,	
ORGANDIES,	VOILES,	BATISTE,	SHIRTING,	ROMPER CLOTH,
MIDDY TWILL,	ETC.,	ETC.,	ETC.,	ETC.

On most of these items we will limit the amount to each customer and we will hold to the rule: "First Come, First Served."

This will be the biggest sale we have ever held, from the standpoint of both Value and Service. And with the Club Feature, we can think of nothing more to add to its attractiveness. The main thing is

COME EARLY

Register now if you want to be in the club and enjoy its liberality. Watch Us. We give better value and better service.

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Brookhaven, Mississippi.

MASONS ENJOY BIG MEETING MONDAY

Lodge Has Greatly Prospered—Prominent Speakers Heard During Social Hour.

Monday night, as announced Brookhaven Lodge, No. 241 F. & A. M. assembled in their handsome Lodge room on the third floor of the Masonic Temple, W. L. Finney, W. M., presiding, in the exemplification of the most beautiful Masters degree on two of our very prominent citizens, Hon. T. Brady, Jr., and S. E. Moreton, Jr.

Under the capable presiding influence of Worshipful Master Finney, Brookhaven Lodge has made wonderful progress during the past year, holding schools of instruction both for its officers and its members, and the work presented on Monday night was one of the most splendid exemplifications of this work that could be witnessed, and the large outpouring of the membership at this meeting had every occasion to feel justly proud of their Lodge and their membership in the institution.

Masonry always welcomes an up-right man, and while the order will not permit of any man being solicited for his membership, yet it at all times meets the applicant who is elected to take the solemn and most impressive degrees of the order, with open arms, and to the long list of many worthy and true men of our county who have passed into this or-

der of the "Brotherhood of Man" during the past several months, the addition of these two splendid citizens extends still further the great moral influence of the order, and enlarges the scope of Masonic possibilities.

After the secret work had been completed, the membership was ushered into the Banquet Hall where over a hundred covers had been laid and there a splendid luncheon was served from the well equipped serving room recently installed for such occasions.

The social part of the program was most thoroughly enjoyed by each member and visitor, and when the Worshipful Master called upon Dr. I. W. Cooper for one of his enjoyable short talks to the Craft, he in his usual most gracious manner through sincere and uplifting words, gave to his hearers, a few moments of overflowing food for thought.

Dr. Cooper is always hailed on the floor with great enthusiasm at any meeting, as the greatness of his name throughout the State is equalled by the bigness of his heart and his ability to present the great teachings of Masonry as the Supreme Grand Master would, have them taught, makes him a greatly revered brother Mason.

Hon. E. V. Wall, one of the most popular men in this section of the state was next called upon, and in responding to the applause of the brethren, spoke deeply and most feelingly of his connection of over twenty years with Masonry, welcoming with much emotion, the hour that had brought his devoted friend

and colleague, Mr. Brady, side by side with him into the world's oldest and greatest order.

Mr. Wall needs no urging to talk Masonic brethren, his heart is in the work, his ability to present his matter to the members, and his desire to also spread Masonic influence and that great moral uplift that is the very foundation of Masonry impels him in his work.

When Mr. G. C. Huckaby was next called upon as a visitor from the Grand Jurisdiction of Louisiana, the surprise of the evening was soon manifest. Being a student of the Craft, a man who has spent years in the research of Masonic history, analyzing its ancient symbols, studying at length the many secret signs, words and phrases, he was able to present and prove far into the ages of the past the descent of the order to the present time.

Mr. Huckaby spoke at length on Masonic principles and the great tenets of the order, complimenting the work of the Lodge to a high degree, and proved to be one of the very brightest and best informed Masons in the South, and it was with great regret by everyone present that he should have to close his lecture for the evening, when he did.

Brookhaven Lodge will call him here again on other important occasions, as throughout the year the Masonic fraternity will entertain its members as well as the families of its members in some pleasant evening open sessions, combining with the Order of the Eastern Star whose wonderful growth is also most indicative of the great Masonic interest being manifested in every section of the country, and will jointly entertain.

BIG SCHOOL FIELD MEET HERE IN APRIL

Southwest Mississippi Schools to Stage Event—Plans Now Being Made.

The great field day and literary meet of the town, city and aggie high schools of southwest Mississippi will be held in Brookhaven Friday, April 28th. Hundreds of students, patrons, teachers and friends of the schools will crowd Brookhaven on that day to attend the athletic events during the day and the contests in music, oratory, debating, etc., at night.

This will be the greatest event of the kind ever held in this part of the state. The high schools of towns and cities on or south of the A. & V. Railroad and west of the G. & S. L. and the aggie schools in this territory, including the schools of Canton and Flora, are organized for improvement in all school lines, their superintendents composing the Southwest Mississippi Schoolmasters' Association. Supt. S. M. Byrd, of Brookhaven is president; Supt. J. E. Gibson of McComb is secretary and Field Manager; Supt. H. F. Stout, of Amite A. H. S. is the third member of the Executive Committee.

Competitive examinations in English, Algebra, Latin and other high school subjects will be held April 14th. Mr. H. M. Ivy, State Supervisor of High Schools, has been asked to conduct these contests and to have charge of the big day's exercises.

The Kiwanis Club of Brookhaven agreed to underwrite the Field Day Meet, thus bringing it to this city. Really on account of central location, accessibility by rail and gravel roads and splendid facilities afforded by the municipal ball park, this is the logical city for the meet.

The Executive Committee, met in McComb Feb. 4 and arranged a series of match games for elimination in basketball, baseball, etc. The winners in these games will play championship matches in the final Field Day meet in Brookhaven April 28.

A constitution and by-laws have been adopted, and rules which should make the conduct of all match games and events much better. Friendly rivalry, pleasant relations, courtesy and the clean sportsmanship which should characterize school athletics will be fostered. Unless there is character training, as well as genuine physical training, clean play, elimination of ringers and a development of play ethics, athletic contests are not worth the time spent on them. The new organization will attempt to prevent the abuses and to increase the advantages of field days.

A similar organization has been the Northeast Mississippi Schoolmasters' Club, which has done much good during a number of years and is now very much alive. The Southeastern Club has been organized in that part of the State and one for the Delta section is under way. Improvement of the schools in all lines is the aim of all these bodies. They form important agencies in the educational advancement of the state.

SWITCH TRAIN RUNS DOWN MARCUS LOFTON

Gets Off One Track and On to Another—Did Not Notice Approaching Train.

Mr. Marcus Lofton, a young man employed at Priebe's store, almost lost his life yesterday morning shortly before 11 o'clock at the Cherokee street railroad crossing. As the result of being run down by a locomotive his collar bone is broken, his left wrist is sprained, and his face is bruised with also possible internal injuries yet to develop.

Immediate medical attention revived him to the extent that he was able to be taken out to his home at Zetula late yesterday afternoon.

Reports of the accident are that as the south-bound passenger train was pulling out or was just ready to, Mr. Lofton stepped off the line of track of the passenger on to the other track but did not notice an oncoming train that was approaching, being knocked down and injured as described.

Maybe she wouldn't care for a Valentine, but she would enjoy a box of Whitman's Sampler.—Get it at Hoffman's.

127 BIRD SHOT HIT

JIM HODGES IN ACCIDENT

In Hospital Now and May Lose Leg—Accident Occurred Near Norfield.

Mr. Jim Hodges, living near Montgomery School House, Southwest of Norfield, is confined to his bed as the result of a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted by Mr. S. C. Hart, of McComb, a few days ago.

The gun went off while the two men were out bird hunting, near Norfield, at a distance of about thirty feet. It is estimated that Mr. Hodges received 127 bird shot in his right thigh.

He is now being treated in a McComb Hospital, with a possibility of losing his leg as a result of the accident.

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RUSSELL DEFENDANT IN \$100,000 SUIT

Governor Brands Story as False and Alleges Blackmail Conspiracy.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 6.—Talks of a legislative inquiry into the charges brought in a suit filed in the United States Court here today by Miss Frances C. Birkhead against Governor Russell were rife in Jackson tonight.

A tense situation has been created by the suit and various impromptu conferences are being held by groups of legislators. By the time the Legislature convenes Tuesday morning the attitude of the legislators toward the suit is expected to be determined.

The governor tonight issued a formal statement denouncing his former stenographer's suit as a "villainous piece of blackmail."

"Politics!" declare the political intimates of the chief executive.

"Let the courts decide," say others.

Miss Birkhead in her suit asks damages of \$100,000 from the governor and charges that he wrecked her life by wronging her in July, 1918, and then ruined her health by causing her to undergo an operation.

STATEMENT ATTACHED.

The suit was filed by Attorneys T. R. Foster of Vicksburg and Campbell of Yazoo City, who arrived in Jackson early today, and after conferring a while presented the papers to the clerk of the United States Court. Attached to the petition was a statement purporting to be Miss Birkhead's story of her relationship with Governor Russell, which she alleges began in July, 1918, during his incumbency as lieutenant governor.

Miss Birkhead's story has been the cause of gossip in Jackson for some time. When the Legislature convened January 3 it was reported persistently that she was planning to file suit immediately, but this talk died down, following another report that the proposed suit had been abandoned. Friends of the governor were apprised of the gossip and declared the governor would be prepared to meet any charges. Some of them said the governor had befriended the girl. On the other hand it was reported that friends of the governor had attempted to obtain written evidence which Miss Birkhead is said to have alleged she possessed which would prove her charges.

In his statement addressed to "The People of Mississippi," Governor Russell says in part:-

"Of all the infamous pieces of blackmail and conspiracy ever conceived, in this or any other state, this is the limit. Those who have known me throughout my entire life public and private, fully understand that there is not one lot or tittle of truth in anything of the sort. Even the worst enemy that I have in the world would not dare to make the shocking allegations that are stated in these charges. I might say this much, when I first saw this woman in the year 1918 she was going from house to house and from citizen to citizen in a case similar to this and was then charging a distinguished citizen with the same charge with which she charges me."

"She carried her case before the officials of the institution of which this distinguished gentleman had charge and these officials heard her charges and refused to believe a word of what she said, believing her to be mentally irresponsible."

"She finally came to me and pleaded with me to aid her in ousting this man from his place and ousting the officials who had turned a deaf ear to her self-advertised story. In all of these actions she acted the part of a person almost bereft of all reason. Upon my refusal to aid her in punishing the objects of her hate, she then began a well-founded conspiracy with my political enemies, (for I was then trying my campaign for governor), to bring about my downfall. Since that time she has been plotting and planning my downfall. She has repeatedly demanded money of me by letter and by word of mouth. Of course, I spurned her demands. She has tried numerous law-suits throughout Mississippi, endeavoring to persuade them to bring suit against me."

"This creature, aided and abetted and inspired by my enemies, has gone to some of the highest officers of the state to counsel with her in attempting to murder me, my wife, the young ladies in my office, and a large number of other persons whom she knew would be in her way in procuring a sum of money at my hands. All these refused to aid her in her murderous schemes. Of course, I want the people of this state to know that when this whole situation is understood it will prove to be one of the most cowardly conspiracies to assassinate and disgrace me ever concocted in the mind of a villain."

"I stand ready to meet this villainous issue, my good wife at my side, we stand ready to meet each and every allegation and denounce it all and all who are responsible for it. We want the fullest and freest investigation by any and all parties. We stand ready to meet the test in the courts and elsewhere. We simply ask the people to withhold their judgment until this matter is fairly and impartially determined."

TWO COUNTS TO PETITION.

Miss Birkhead's petition is a document of about 500 words and contains two counts. The first count sets forth that she is an unmarried woman and a resident of Louisiana, while the defendant is a resident of Mississippi.

TELLS OF FIRST MEETING.

She says she started work in June 1918, in the draft department of the adjutant general's office in Jackson. It was there that she met the defendant, at that time lieutenant governor of the state.

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